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PASS TO MEPD FOR JANICE PHILBRICK AND OIM

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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: PREFAB HOUSING

REF: CARACAS 12467

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY ING. ISAAC VILLAFANE, CONSORCIO VENEZOLANO DE PROFESIONALES C.A., CALLE RIO \$222 LOS SAUCES; VALENCIA, VENEZUELA; TEL. (041)216554. THIS NEWLY ESTABLISHED FIRM WAS SET UP TO PRODUCE LOW COST PRE FABRICATED HOUSING IN THE VALENCIA AREA UNDER CONTRACT WITH INAVI, THE NATIONAL HOUSING INSTITUTE. SEEKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PROCESS TECHNOLOGY, SOURCE OF SPECIALIZED PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, AND PERHAPS JOINT VENTURE PARTNER FOR INTEGRATED SYSTEMS APPROACH TO DESIGN/PRODUCTION/SALES. ALSO SEEKS SOURCE OF ADVANCED LIGHT WIEGHT AGGREGATES. EMBASSY HAS GIVEN HIM COPY OF BROCHURE FROM MATERIALS SYSTEMS CORPORATION, ESCONDIDO CALIF. WHICH HOWEVER OFFERS FIBRE REINFORCED PLASTIC PANELS AND NOT CONCRETE WHICH SEEMS TO BE PREFERRED MATERIAL LOCALLY.

2. IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT VAST DEMAND FOR LOW-COST HOUSING IN VENEZUELA (SEPTTEL FOLLOWS), POTENTIALLY NOT WITHIN THE CAPABILITY OF FIFTY-ODD EXISTING PRODUCERS OF CAST CONCRETE MODULES AND PANELS, MEPD MAY WISH SEND THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDUSTRIALIZED
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HOUSING PRODUCERS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ALREADY CONTACTED RE FUNDACOMUN COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT (REFTEL), AS WELL AS TO WALK JONES/FRANCIS MAH, SKIDMORE OWNINGS AND MERRILL, DAY AND ZIMMERMAN.
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